ABSTRACT

1   A system and a process is provided for requesting and obtaining information about

2   Resources on a Cluster. The system utilizes a Multiplex Provider, that may be provided

3   on every Node of the Cluster. The Multiplex Provider facilitates the communication of

4   requests to various Nodes without requiring Providers, at such Nodes, to be Cluster-aware

5   and without requiring a Client to directly communicate the request to every Node. The

6   present invention also includes a scope, specifying a range for which any request may be

7   applied. The scope may be determined utilizing a discovery process, wherein each Node

8   on a Cluster identifies the Providers and Resources associated with the Node. The

9   process also entails capturing the results of a request for information in a tabular format.

10   The tabulation may be specified to include all results of the query, unique results of the

11   query and/or based upon any other desired tabulation.